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SUBJECT: REP. DONALD M. FRASER PRESS RELEASE

1. THE FOLLOWING PRESS RELEASE ON BOLIVIAN ELECTIONS WAS  
ISSUED BY REPRESENTATIVE DONALD FRAZER ON JULY 18:

QUOTE: REP. DONALD M. FRASER (DFL-MN) TODAY EXPRESSED  
DEEP CONCERN FOR THE IRREGULARITIES THAT ALLEGEDLY TOOK  
PLACE DURING THE PRESIDENTIAL AND CONGRESSIONAL ELECTIONS  
RECENTLY HELD IN BOLIVIA.

2. A NUMBER OF REPUTABLE INTERNATIONAL OBSERVERS TO THE  
ELECTIONS HAVE ISSUED STATEMENTS ALL ATTESTING TO THOSE  
ALLEGATIONS OF FRAUD, FRASER NOTED. THE NATIONAL ELEC-  
TORAL COURT IN BOLIVIA IS REPORTEDLY EXAMINING THE ALLEGA-  
TIONS AND WILL COME FORTH WITH AN OPINION ON THE SITUATION  
IN THE NEAR FUTURE. IF EVIDENCE EXISTS CONFIRMING THESE  
ALLEGATIONS, WHETHER THROUGH THE COURT OR OTHER SOURCES,  
IT WOULD BE MOST DISTURBING FOR FRAUD TO HAVE CHARACTER-  
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IZED BOLIVIA'S FIRST ELECTION IN 12 YEARS, FRASER SAID.

3. FRASER, CHAIRMAN OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL  
ORGANIZATIONS, STATED THAT HE IS SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING  
HOLDING HEARINGS TO DETERMINE THE EFFECT OF THE ELECTION'S

OUTCOME ON US-BOLIVIAN RELATIONS. OUR GOVERNMENT HAS

STATED ITS COMMITMENT TO HONEST AND OPEN ELECTIONS THROUGH-  
OUT THE WORLD AND I THINK WE SHOULD CONTINUOUSLY WORK  
AT MAKING THIS COMMITMENT AN ACTIVE PART OF OUR FOREIGN  
POLICY, FRASER COMMENTED. END QUOTE. VANCE

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